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 - ☒ Box No. I Basis of the report
 - ☐ Box No. II Priority
 - ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
 - ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
 - ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
 - ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☒ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language English which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☒ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
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 - ☐ the drawings, sheets _____
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 - ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

D1 : KR 2002-0096988 A

D2 : EP 1058406 A2

D3 : WO 96-02100 A1

1. NOVELTY(N)

The present invention relates to a decision feedback equalization apparatus and method as in a ground wave digital broadcasting receiving system. It is considered to involve an inventive step according to characteristics as follows, despite the prior arts(D1-D3).

That is, in a digital broadcasting receiving system, a specific channel of a poor receiving signal is changed to be mild by using a channel-matched filter, and a decision error can be reduced at the input process of a symbol detector by using a trellis decoder in which TBD(Trace Back Depth) is 1 and the complexity is decreased.

More specific characteristics can be referred to in the components of Claim 1.

2. INVENTIVE STEP(IS)

The present invention's solution of its target problems is that a specific channel of a poor receiving signal is changed to be mild by using a channel-matched filter, and a decision error can be reduced at the input process of a symbol detector by using a trellis decoder in which TBD(Trace Back Depth) is 1 and the complexity is decreased as shown in claims.

D1 relates to reducing complexity and errors of hardware by providing an adaptive equalizer, including a decision feedback equalizer having a trellis decoder, a mapper which is connected to the output of the trellis decoder and taps connected to an output of the trellis mapper.

D2 relates to a method and apparatus for reducing the computational complexity and relaxing the critical path of reduced state of sequence estimation techniques.

D3 relates to a digital sender/receiver system for reducing the complexity of a receiver by means of a TCM technique and a comb filter, which is a receiver for reducing the interruption of a co-channel and improving the S/N function.

The above inventions have in common in that receiving sensitivity is increased and the complexity of hardware is reduced. However, they do not meet all of the characteristics of the present invention.

3. INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY(IA)

The invention claimed in Claims 1-10 is considered to be industrially applicable.